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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Reply Brief***

1. The reply brief filed 3/31/04 has been received, noted and forwarded to the Board of Appeals.
2. The arguments are not persuasive. Kraft ( US 4,214,806) does show the apertures 30, 32 for conductors to be longitudinally coextensive with the longitudinal bore of the central body. The applicant has not provided any specifics as to what is meant by "longitudinally coextensive". The specification (See paragraph 9, lines 9-12) recites "the apertures are spaced along the length of the conductor accommodating body show as to be longitudinally coextensive with the longitudinal bore of the central body". Kraft does so the apertures 30, 32 spaced along the length of the conductor accommodating body and the axes of the apertures 30, 32 are located in a plane which is longitudinally coextensive with the longitudinal bore. The applicant's arguments that "the apertures can not extend along the connector to be coextensive with the terminal ports" are not supported by claim language.

In summary, the features of Claim 1 are anticipated by Kraft.

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